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## Key Harbor Marina and Bahrs Landing Restaurant and Marina prepare for NBIG funds

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) approved Key Harbor Marina in Waretown for a National Boating Infrastructure Grant (NBIG) to assist with the renovation of approximately 652 feet of existing dilapidated bulkhead and infrastructure; and Bahrs Landing Restaurant and Marina in Highlands for FY 2007 NBIG funds to prepare a new vision for the marina.

### Key Harbor Marina in Waretown, New Jersey

Twelve new slips and tie-up facilities will be dedicated to transient boaters. The proposed improvements will attract transient, non-trailerable vessels to its existing mixed-use marina facility with more than 260 deep water slips. The award of \$321,582.00 in NBIG funding and \$172,105.00 in matching funds will enable the marina to construct a state-of-the-art facility for transient boaters along the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway, directly across from the heavily utilized Barnegat Inlet and several of the New Jersey Shore's best attractions.



A National Boating Infrastructure Grant will turn this existing dilapidated bulkhead at Key Harbor Marina in Waretown into new tie-up facilities for transient boaters.

Officials at Key Harbor Marina said they found the application process for NBIG funding to be a rewarding experience. NJDOT assisted with initial site inspections in the early development of the project and coordinated the final grant paperwork for project initiation.



Bahrs Landing Restaurant and Marina in Highlands is in clear view from the Route 36 Highlands Bridge. The Sandy Hook Inlet, Gateway National Park, is to the far right.

Since the project includes the renovation of existing infrastructure at an existing and permitted marina, the proposed renovations were exempt from NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) permitting requirements. Key Harbor Marina officials found the time and personnel hours to coordinate and confirm the exemptions with NJDEP, but it was the most difficult part of the funding process.

Key Harbor Marina officials commented, "If a more seamless permitting process can be developed between the NJDOT, NJDEP and the grantee -- especially for existing facilities -- this already successful process can be a home run for those seeking assistance in the future."

When asked if they would do it again, their unanimous response was, "Absolutely."

Bahrs Landing Restaurant and Marina in Highlands, New Jersey will articulate and formalize a new vision for the marina with recently awarded FY 2007 NBIG funds. LGA Engineering, Inc. has begun a Marina Transient Master Plan for an easily accessible marina that provides all the service accoutrements and upland amenities rivaling the best in transient provisions. The goal is a highly attractive stop-over, or charming destination, for the transient boater. Bahrs Landing may also receive additional funding to begin construction of transient upgrades at the marina.

Jay Cosgrove, owner of the marina stated, "Bahrs Landing facility is an historic waterfront facility with some unique challenges. Without the help of the grant money, we would be hard pressed to commit the funds needed just to engineer a feasibility study. We have a definite demand for transient dockage in our area. The folks at the Office of Maritime Resources at DOT have been very helpful and supportive."

# Seaboard Landing, Gardner's Basin Marina and Maritime Resources receive state recommendations for grant approval

**NJDOT has reviewed and recommended three FY 2008 National Boating Infrastructure Grant (NBIG) Program applications for funding.**

## BIG Blueways Guide, Phase 2

**Tier 1:** FY 2007 NBIG funding helped the New Jersey Department of Transportation/Office of Maritime Resources (NJDOT/OMR) enlist the services of the NJDOT Bureau of Information and Management and Technology Planning and the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel & Tourism to plan and develop a scope of services for an online, interactive guide that highlights NBIG Program funded locations, identifies all NBIG Program awardees along the Eastern seaboard and improves the experience of boaters visiting New Jersey.

The BIG Blueways Guide highlights transient services created or enhanced by the NBIG Program, and aid recreational boaters as they cruise, vacation or transition along the Atlantic coast. Additional partners, including the Marine Trades Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism, will assist in public relations and information dissemination. NJDOT/OMR will procure the services of a technical vendor to develop the web code and system model, create the final design and launch the BIG Blueways Guide web site when awarded the Phase 2, \$100,000 request.

## Seaboard Landing at Riverwalk, Penns Grove

**Tier 2:** Seaboard Landing, LLC, has created a unique partnership with the Borough of Penns Grove, once the "caviar capital of the United States," to create a new, safe harbor along the lower Delaware River for use by transient, non-trailerable recreational vessels. Seaboard Landing at Riverwalk, Penns Grove will include a full range of amenities within the context of a multi-million dollar full-service marina and waterfront redevelopment plan.

The proposed project is located near the mid-point of the passage from the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to the Philadelphia waterfront, and is intended as a destination and a base for access to cultural and natural attractions in Atlantic City and Cape May, New Jersey, Wilmington, Delaware and historic Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Seaboard Landing LLC will invest \$41 million in the new marina and millions more in a hotel and conference center, restaurants and shops, a Marine Fisheries Institute, and venues for arts and cultural events by leveraging US Housing and Urban Development, NJDOT and NJ Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres funds.

**NBIG SUCCESS STORIES:** The NJDOT has received over \$3 million to date in NBIG funds. Belmar Municipal Marina; Farley State Marina; Seaview Harbor Marina; Grassy Sound Marina; and Palisades Interstate Park Commission have completed projects.

**MOVING FORWARD:** Projects are making progress at Spencer's Bayside Marina; Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum; Key Harbor Marina; Sandy Hook Bay Marina; Bahr's Landing and Marina; and NJDOT/Office of Maritime Resources.

Furthermore, the proposed marina offers the NBIG Program a new construction opportunity to showcase the transient boaters' market power as a substantial force in the revitalization of distressed waterfront communities. NJDOT/OMR has requested NBIG funds of \$2,984,120 for the project.

## Gardner's Basin Marina, Atlantic City:

**Tier 2:** Historic Gardner's Basin is a highly attractive stopover and a charming destination. What was once a blighted area – the old inlet section of Atlantic City – has been reborn to provide something for transient boaters of diverse ages and interests. Easily accessible, Gardner's Basin Marina provides transient boaters with all the best services and amenities including two restaurants, a crafters village occupied by working artists and crafters, a water sports shop, kayaking, bicycle rentals, dolphin watching, sailing, sunset cruising, an antique shop, an ice cream parlor and an aquarium.

The \$361,120 NBIG grant will allow NJDOT/OMR to upgrade a facility for transient boaters that includes a new rest room with laundry and shower amenities. It is thought that these upgrades will entice boaters to extend their stay and increase the frequency of visits. NJDOT/OMR will dedicate the new slips to transient boaters, who will enjoy the diverse entertainment, education, and ecotourism options provided on-site. A new shop for bait and tackle and a general store will provide transient boaters with supplies and provisions.

## NBIG FY 2008 Letters of Interest

NJDOT/OMR is currently accepting Letters of Interest (LOI) for the NBIG program. Type the LOI in Microsoft Word, no more than two pages. They may be e-mailed as an attachment to [Linda.Forrester@dot.state.nj.us](mailto:Linda.Forrester@dot.state.nj.us).

Interested parties MUST first read the NBIG regulations @ <http://federalaid.fws.gov/BIG/bigfinalrule.pdf>.

### The following information must be included:

1. Contact information, project location, and other pertinent details.
2. A brief project description, including scope of the project with specific concern for the needs of recreational boats 26 feet or more and the transient nature of the project.
3. A realistic cost estimate for the concept.
4. A list of potential sponsor(s) for the local match, 25% of the federal funds received.
5. Whether the applicant plans to apply for Tier 1 or Tier 2 funding.

### Additional application information can be found at:

[http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/works/maritime/marine\\_trades.shtm](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/works/maritime/marine_trades.shtm)

Once a project is accepted, the due date for draft proposals is September 22, 2008. Final proposals are due October 14, 2008 to the Office of Maritime Resources.



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